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John N. Austin
6356 Sundown Drive
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Dear Mr. Austin:

Your letter of 12 April 1983 requested information on the past chemical testing of waste oil pits at Naval Air Station Jacksonville and also requested that further testing of these waste materials be conducted. We are not sure why the US EPA Regional Administrator, Mr. Jeter, feels that such a request should be directed specifically to the regional medical center; this command has not been involved with waste oil analysis and does not possess the capability or responsibility for performing such analyses.

Navy instructions specify that hazardous waste management is provided by the Naval Facilities Engineering Command through Regional Environmental Support Offices (RESO's). Accordingly, your request is being forwarded to Naval Air Station, Jacksonville RESO.

Your interest in this matter is appreciated. If we can be of further assistance please contact us.

JOSEPH HONIGMAN
Captain, Medical Corps
United States Navy
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Copy to:
CO, Naval Air Station, Jacksonville
US EPA Region IV (Mr. Jeter)

To: Commanding Officer, Nav. Regional Medical Center
Jacksonville, Fl. 32216

From:

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Subj:

Request for chemical testing of waste oil pits at Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fl., to determine if (TUCP) Triorthocresyl Phosphate, or "CELLULUXE", were a component of the waste hydraulic fluids known to have been disposed of into the waste material pits at N.A.S. JAX., for many years.

Please advise if any chemical testing of all materials disposed into these pits have been done, now, or in the past, and by whom.

Please advise if there is any possible danger to the inhabitants of Duval County, from (TUCP), if it is a part of the environment, as a result of past disposal practices at N.A.S. JAX.

This letter is being directed to your office, and the request for the chemical testing of the contents of the waste pits at N.A.S., JAX., as suggested by the letter, dated March 26 1983, from Mr. Charles R. Jeter, Regional Administrator, Region 4, U.S.E.R.A. (Copy Enclosed.)

It is the opinion of this citizen that until a complete testing program to determine the chemicals dumped into the waste pits at N.A.S. JAX., has been completed, there will be un-resolved doubts as to the safety of our environment.

Sincerely Yours,

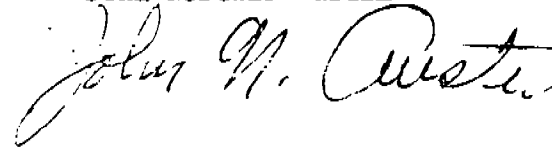
John Northam Austin

cc:

Mr. Charles R. Jeter,
Regional Administrator
Region 4 U.S.E.R.A.

Commanding Officer
Southern Division/Naval Facilities Hazardous Engineering Command

Commanding Officer
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Dear Mr. Austin:

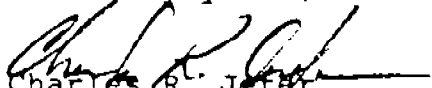
We have received and reviewed your letter of March 4, 1983, concerning the testing and analysis of materials in the waste pits at Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida, and conclude that it would be improper for us to conduct the tests that you suggested. Under the provisions of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, and Executive Order 12316 the responsibility for conducting such tests, investigations and clean up lies clearly with the Department of Defense.

It is my understanding that the Department of Navy, especially Jacksonville Naval Air Station and the Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command are interested in gaining knowledge about these two compounds, "Cellulube" and triorthocresyl phosphate. To date neither the Jacksonville Naval Air Station, nor the Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command have received the report you referenced that was written by the Naval Regional Medical Center, Jacksonville, Florida. Once they receive an official copy, it is my understanding they will investigate to determine whether or not these compounds were dumped in the waste pits at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville.

We feel that your request for tests to be conducted on the waste pits at the Jacksonville Naval Air Station should be directed to the Department of Navy, specifically, the Naval Regional Medical Center Jacksonville, Florida.

Your concern for the environmental well-being of others is acknowledged.

Sincerely yours,


Charles R. Jeter
Regional Administrator

cc: Commanding Officer
Southern Division/ Naval Facilities
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